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Docket No.: 1500-000001/US/DVB



Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ___ continuation \(\subseteq \) divisional ___ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. \(\} 1.53(b) \) of pending prior Application No. 09/939,170 filed on August 24, 2001 which is a divisional of 08/837,505 filed on April 18, 1997, which in turn was a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/DK96/00055 filed February 2, 1996, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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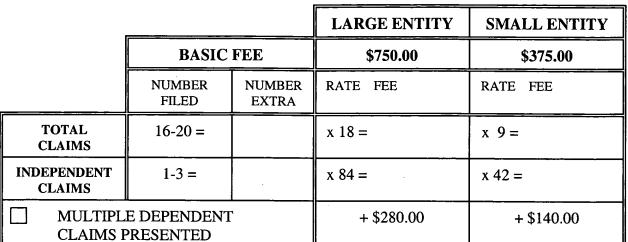
- 1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

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3.		A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 in the amount of . A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.	Amen	d the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
	a. 🔯	This application is a continuation \(\subseteq \text{ divisional } \subseteq continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/939,170 filed on August 24, 2001 which is a divisional of 08/837,505 filed on April 18, 1997, which in turn was a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/DK96/00055 filed February 2, 1996, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference
	b. [This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No, filed on and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/_/_ filed on under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Enclosed is/are fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

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7a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. . See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
7b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8.		The prior application is assigned to NVB International
9.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
10a.		Priority of Application No(s). GB 9518558.3 and DK125/95 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on <u>July 24, 2001</u> .
10b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12.		Address all future communications to:
		HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C. P.O. Box 8910 Reston, VA 20195 Telephone: (703) 668-8000 or Customer No. 30593
13.		An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14.		Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.

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In re Application of:

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Title:

Examiner: John Rivell Group Art Unit: 3753

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July 24, 2001

Irvine, California 92614

TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Box Issue Fee Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231



Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 24, 2001, attached are certified copies of the priority documents, GB 9518558.3 and DK125/95 for the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions with regard to this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Issue Fee, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on July 24, 2001, by Candy Neu

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July 24, 2001

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Very truly yours,

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I hereby confirm that this is a complete and accurate translation of the Danish document DK 125/95.

June 14, 2001

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